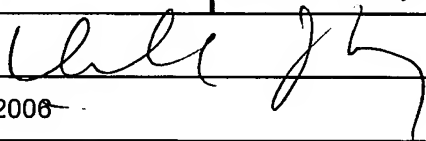


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2006, the due date having been extended July 24, 2006 (1) month to August 24, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment.

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